



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants : Satoru Maeda, et al.
Serial No. : 09/996,019
For : INFORMATION PROCESSING METHOD AND APPARATUS AND RECORDING MEDIUM FOR CONTROLLING AND SIMPLIFYING A SIGN-UP OPERATION OF AN APPARATUS OVER A NETWORK(AS AMENDED)
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**AMENDMENT SUBMITTED WITH REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION
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Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed on June 14, 2006, Applicants hereby submit a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) and petition for a one-month

extension of time, extending the period for response to and including October 16, 2006 (October 14, 2006 being a Saturday). Applicants enclose herewith a check in the amount of \$120.00 as payment of the extension-of-time fee and a check in the amount of \$790.00 as payment of the RCE fee. Please amend the above-identified application as follows.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 12 of this paper.